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## *'You have been Chosen'*

**Excerpts from  
Rev. Dr. William Lee  
Commencement 2010 address**

*T*o be chosen lays a heavy responsibility upon you. You are not here by default. You were chosen.

Who did the choosing? Jesus Christ chose you. He knows you, and he chose you anyway. He sees in you what you cannot see in yourselves.

Jesus said, 'You did not choose me. I chose you, and I have appointed you

to bear fruit.'

*Wear it well. Whenever you walk into a pulpit, square your shoulders and know that somebody chose you.*

*Be excited. Do not walk around dour and pitiful. Thirty-three years later I am as excited as when they put the hood on my neck.*

*Please do not dwell on what you are not. Dwell on what you can be, for you have been chosen. God's grace is greater than the possibility of your failing.*

*You will need the humility of failure to add balance to the rest of your days.*

*There will be days when you will go into your rooms, shut the door and want to quit. But I want you to hear the voice of Jesus saying, "You have been chosen."*

*Get up off your knees, get back in the race, fight another day, preach another sermon, teach another class, for you have been chosen.*

*God did not make a mistake with you. God, she knew just what she was doing when she laid hands on you, for you have been chosen.*

*God has also equipped you. When you no longer believe in yourself, believe that God believes in you. When you*

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*Rev. Dr. William Lee*



*Here, graduate candidates process to Commencement 2010. At left, celebrating on the LTS campus.*

## Graduates chosen and equipped to serve

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*have congregations that lose faith in you, believe that God believes in you. When your spouse questions whether you should keep trying, God believes in you.*

*God has chosen you to be his witness in this marvelous moment in our nation's history. I can see fruit hanging from your trees even as I speak.*

*If you've been chosen, start today with a big smile on your face, let me see that twinkle in your eye. Stand tall. **Because you have been chosen.***

**The Rev. Dr. William L. Lee** is senior pastor at Loudon Avenue Christian Church in Roanoke, Va. A former DoC moderator, Dr. Lee is a motivational speaker, lecturer, mediator and clinical counselor. He is active in community outreach, helping to meet wellness, educational and spiritual needs.

### **CLASS OF 2010**

Twenty-three students from 11 states and Puerto Rico received degrees during the 144th commencement ceremony:

Master of Arts--**Patrick Alden Dillon.**

Master of Divinity--**David Agrinioni, Faye Elizabeth Blevins, Jordan Byrd, Chrysanthia Faye Carr-Seals, Tonya Jean Farren, Marsha Jean Charles, Lakeya Nichelle Chase, Amanda Cooke Hatfield, Johanna L. Heil, Wanda B. Olive, Tracy R. Parker, Sarah Elizabeth Renfro, Dustin Swartz, Tracy A. Siegman, Bonnie Joyce Simerly, Starla Nicole Solan, Jodie Paris Stamper, Christopher K. Stark, Katharine Lynn West, and Kathryn L. Wilson.**

Doctor of Ministry: **David F. Walton, Jr. and Terrye Williams.**



# It's about time

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## **Beth Goins** **LTS Communications**

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**G**rowing up in San Diego, the idea of serving a congregation in Ashland, Kentucky, was nowhere on the path Jacque Parlato mapped out for herself.

She attended church with friends from time to time, but it wasn't until after she finished her undergraduate degree in New York state that she became consistently involved in the life of a congregation.

Her parents had moved to Ashland, Ky., to establish a medical practice, and Jacque agreed to help. That was nearly two decades ago, and in the interim, Jacque married, had two boys and found herself active in children's ministry at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Ashland.

In the summer of 2005, the church's senior minister, LTS alumnus Rev. Ike Nicholson, asked Jacque to serve as interim youth director until the church could call an associate youth minister.

"At first, I just wanted to learn enough to survive and do my best for the sake of the ministry until a full-time person was called," Jacque recalled. "As time went on, I started to see myself as much more than the 'sub,' and so did they. I felt drawn there, as though I was supposed to be there."

At the end of her first program year, Jacque accepted an offer to serve on staff as director of youth ministries, no longer the interim. She now serves as director of youth and young adult ministries and directs St. Andrew's Kids, the children's afterschool program at FCC. She also is active in the region as an adult member of X-Committee, the

regional Disciples of Christ youth council.

That support and involvement in lay ministry stirred in Jacque the realization that the next step in her life was to attend seminary.

"I learned that I was now ready for more disciplined preparation and filled with a desire to professionalize my work," said Jacque. "I have discovered my call through the opening and closing of doors throughout my ministry and a trend of revelation through those with whom I do ministry."

Jacque recalls the call to her mother the day she decided to apply for seminary: "She said something so simple, yet so powerful—'It's about time.'"

The decision to apply was not one Jacque reached easily—initially. With her family rooted in Ashland, she did not know how she would attend

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# WHAT ARE YOU READING?

## **Susan Diamond**

Minister, First Christian Church  
Montgomery, Ala.

*Congregational Leadership in  
Anxious Times: Being Calm and  
Courageous No Matter What*  
By Peter L. Steinke

## **David Emery**

Minister,  
Middletown Christian Church  
Louisville, Ky.

*If the Church Were Christian:  
Rediscovering the Values of Jesus*  
By Phillip Gulley

## **Andrea Foster**

Minister, United By Faith  
Christian Church  
Laurel, Md.

*10 Things Every Minister Needs  
to Know*  
By Ronnie Floyd

## **Bob Hill**

Minister, Community  
Christian Church  
Kansas City, Mo.

*Imagination in Place*  
By Wendell Berry

## **Dawn Remster**

Minister, First Christian Church  
Zanesville, Ohio

*Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal and  
Delight in Our Busy Lives*  
By Wayne Muller

## **Bill Lee**

Minister, Loudon Avenue  
Christian Church  
Roanoke, Va.

*The Last Lecture*  
By Randy Pausch

## **Courtney Richards**

Associate Minister,  
Geist Christian Church  
Indianapolis, Ind.

*CATCH: Attracting and  
Connecting Visitors*  
By Debi Williams Nixon

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seminary a few hours away.

Over breakfast with some colleagues in the region, Jacque said something that seemed at the time to be wishful thinking: "If only LTS had an online program." Little did she know that an online program was an idea that was actively percolating at the Seminary.

**“ I have to say that I developed closer relationships in my online community than I ever did in my undergraduate studies.”**

When the program was announced in late 2009, Jacque's hopes of attending seminary were renewed. "This was an answered prayer—not just for me, but for so many who are being called to ordained ministry but could not commit to relocate until after seminary."

Jacque completed her first online course in the M.Div. program this year and found it to be a much more personal experience than she imagined. "I understand the concerns many have regarding the in-class one-to-one experience, but I have to say that I developed closer relationships in my online community than I ever did during my undergraduate studies. We were in constant communication with our classmates as well as our professor.

"Technology such as ooVoo and Skype have enabled our small groups to meet via webcam. I have had only positive experiences from

day one. I longed to be back in class immediately after completing my first semester."

Attending seminary online while being rooted in her congregation has added further opportunities for growth. "As I gained knowledge, I shared it with our staff, youth and sponsors. The congregation, clergy and staff have been tremendously encouraging not only to me, but to

all of our seminarians." Three of FCC's four seminarians are LTS students.

Jacque hopes others will be encouraged by the changes taking shape at the Seminary.

"I encourage friends of LTS to get to know the students and grow with us as we walk this path together. We are here because we are called to be here along with the professors, administrators and staff of LTS. It is with your prayers and support that we will learn, grow and serve together.

Jacque continued, "The seminary experience at LTS may be changing, but if it were not for these changes, many would never be able to answer their call to ordained ministry. They would have been among those who have said, 'I felt that I was being called to ordained ministry but was unable to get there.' But now they can."

## Teams unite 'fore' LTS scramble 2010

Twenty-two teams came together for the 12th Annual LTS Golf Scramble on June 11 at Golf Club of the Bluegrass.

Pictured with President Jim Johnson: Kathy DeBoer, Bradley Sutherland and Mark Pittman (not pictured Terry Malone).



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## Alumni/ae *notes*

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**1943**

President Emeritus **Wayne Bell** was honored May 27 with a luncheon at the Seminary to celebrate his 70th Ordination Anniversary.

**1950**

**Paul Johnson** of Nelsonville, Ohio, recently celebrated his 60th Ordination Anniversary.

**1970**

**Jim and Petie McLean** recently announced their retirement after a 14 year ministry at First Christian Church, Glasgow, Ky.

**1977**

**Mark Anderson** is serving as pastor of Ephesus Christian Church, Foneswood, Va.

**1981**

**Robert D. Brooks** has become the minister of First Christian Church of Kent, Wash.

**1982**

**Terry Ford** has moved to First Christian Church, Liberal, Kan., from First Christian Church, Lemoyne, Penn.

**1991**

**Mike Van Heyningen** has accepted a call to serve as Senior Minister at First Christian Church, Rochester, Ind., following a 19 year ministry at Crofton (Ky.) Christian Church.

**1994**

**Stephen T. Smythers** was recently installed as minister of First Christian Church, Washington, Penn.

**1995**

**Steven Jumper** is the minister of Centennial Christian Church, McCoy, Va.

**1996**

**Jamie Gump** is serving as minister of Madison Avenue Christian Church, Huntington, W.Va.

**1999**

**Beth Thomason** will pastor Madison Christian Church, Madison, Ala., after serving as Associate Minister of First Christian Church, Huntsville, Ala.

**2001**

**Paul Allen** was recently called to the pastorate at First Christian Church, Manhattan, Kan., from Farmville Christian Church, Farmville, N.C.

**2002**

**Tom Stephenson** has moved from Central Christian Church, Columbus, Ga., to First Christian Church, Wilmington, Ohio

**Beth Rupe**

has moved from First Christian Church, Carthage, Ill. to be the pastor at First Christian Church, Moline, Ill.

**2007**

**Andrea Brownlee** has joined the Christmount Board of Directors for a 2-year term.

**2004**

**John Davidson** and Kris celebrated the birth of their first child, Calvin John, on May 28.

**2008**

**Jeremiah MacRoberts** was recently commissioned as Army Chaplain.

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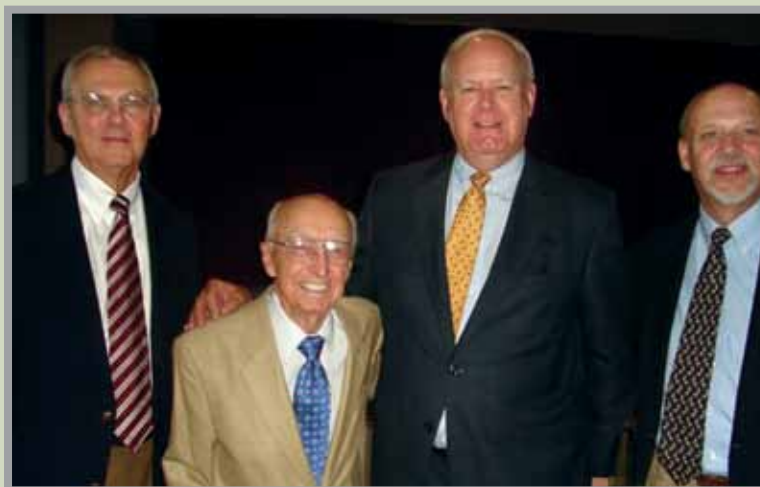
## THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

**Michael Goins**  
**LTS Communications**

Wayne Bell's road to the pulpit might be considered a route traveled in reverse.

"I was ordained in April 19, 1940, graduated from Transylvania University in May 1940, and didn't graduate from Lexington Theological Seminary until 1943," Bell said. "Since then requirements have radically changed, and now we encourage students to attend seminary before being ordained in the ministry."

Bell's life in ministry began while he was in college, and he later served as minister of Vine Street Christian Church in Nashville between 1960 and 1974. It was in 1974 that Bell became president of Lexington Theological Seminary and saw firsthand the changes occurring in



*From left:  
Pres. James  
P. Johnson,  
President  
Emeritus  
Wayne  
Bell,  
Pension  
Fund Pres.  
Jim P.  
Hamlett,  
Regional  
Minister  
Greg  
Alexander*

theological education.

"From the 1940's to the 1980's the number of students attending Lexington Theological Seminary increased to roughly 215-220 students," Bell said. "Since the 1980's the number of students going into the ministry across America has dropped dramatically."

Bell believes that as the times have changed, seminary education needed to change with the times. While he admits to at first being cautious to accept the new online

curriculum the Seminary launched this year, he thinks it is a wise move.

"Our generation never thought in terms of learning on a computer, but for the younger generation, that's old hat," Bell said.

"In the last 20 years we've seen more people who have been in another career, have a family and are making the decision to enter the ministry," he added. "I think this will open the way to many people who can access theological education and move into a career in the ministry."

# Appreciation Gifts

March 16, 2010 - May 31, 2010

## *In memory of...*

**Dr. William B. Apperson**

Mrs. Jo Hewlett Apperson  
Harold & Barbara St. Aubin

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Dr. Donald C. Jackson

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L. Leon & Nellie D. Durham

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**Rev. Starla Solan**

Barbara E. Pfeifle

**Janice Tatlock**

Harold R. &amp; Evelyn Watkins

**Rev. Katherine West**

Barbara E. Pfeifle

**Dr. Terrye Williams**

Rev. Richard &amp; Peggy Ziglar

**Kathryn Wilson**

Barbara E. Pfeifle

**Sonny Wray**

Estate of Walter Shekey

## In memoriam

**Emett H. Barfield '71***June 4, 2010***Deloris J. McMullin '55***May 12, 2010***Douglas V. Moore '69***June 4, 2010***James M. Seale '55***June 27, 2010***Paul David Stauffer '95***May 21, 2010***Lloyd E. Tatlock '52***April 23, 2010***David M. Williams '62***June 10, 2010*

**Note:** The death of **Iris V. Cully** was incorrectly reported in the previous Bulletin as Virginia A. Cully.



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